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Labor Department and Lake Area Tech Hosting Welding Apprenticeship Meeting

PIERRE, S.D. – The Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) will host two meetings about creating a welding Registered Apprenticeship on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. CDT at Lake Area Technical Institute, Room 514.

The meetings will allow interested parties the opportunity to learn about the requirements, the commitment and the return on investment of starting a Registered Apprenticeship program.

"Apprenticeships combine work-based learning with related classroom instruction," said Watertown Job Service manager Lisa Johnson. "This is a great model to help businesses build a qualified workforce and reduce turnover."

Industry associations, higher-education institutions, organizations and other workforce intermediaries can be Registered Apprenticeship sponsors. A business can be a sponsor and manage all aspects of the program, or partner with an established sponsor.

This meeting is also sponsored by Lake Area Technical Institute. Attendees should RSVP to mike.jennings@state.sd.us or shane.swenson@lakeareatech.edu.

To learn more about Registered Apprenticeships, visit www.StartTodaySD.com.